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Applicant(s) have become aware of the following documents, cited in an European Search Report issued December 3, 2004, during the prosecution of European application no. EP 02 25 6886, which corresponds to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submit(s) these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form SB/08, and a copy of the European Search Report and of each document required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) cited thereon are enclosed as well.

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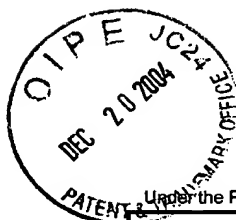
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